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Oceol. Florida.

1911C3

May Third.

Dear Mrs. Duggler - or Marie -

I'm a nuisance trying
to foist my proteges upon you.
But - Dr. Duggler & I think
humor "Elaine Ellery" and - if she
really does, will tell you she's
delightful. Now she has al-
ways stood with me - some-
times "Remembrance" - sometimes
not - but always a perfect
joy - because she has a skill,
unwilling in being visible &
not, as is comfortable for
other people. Just absolute
"fact" - She has written me
in grief that she must do
some "library" work during "Summer
School", and volunteered can she
go now? She takes meals at
Dodge, but hates the noise, and

everybody new thing to stay in -
I've told her I didn't know
in the least whether you
would - but I would ask
you - or propose the way
for her to do so. She really
is no trouble at all - I wish
as one who has had this -
just as desirable apparently -
(Then I smiled and prayed for
the end - (Only one of that
kind however) - I feel that
it is rather incenseable - This -
when you was not in the
least desire anybody - but
I am so fond of Elsie Shetler
to think of her astray in Day.
I am living in the morning -
the only peaceful place in
earth - but it is towards
dawn and I'm getting as im-
patient as any home sick school-
girl. I hope Spring is up
your way by now -
I am affectionately yours
Elizabeth Lee Atkinson.

disappointed not-
being strong at
Wed. 1st Convention,
we have not heard
why he did not go.
I wish to go
all, I have decided
Western.

May 3rd 1911.

My dear Tom
It is so cool with us that I
am afraid you have had no spring weather
yet. This is a lovely day & pleasant in the
sun but we need fire in the house, a real
good one was comfortable early this morning
& last night. We have frequent rains & after
each rain cooler weather. The country is looking
beautiful now, everything so green & the roses
so pretty. I so often wish you & Minnie had
some of mine right fresh from the bushes,
the Malmaison particularly. I have seen the
bush bloom better, the roses are from 2 to 7 in
a bunch & so fragrant. I had a boy to weed
my garden a few days ago, it looks much
better but the weeds will soon come again.

I have a few tomatoe plants that afford me
pleasure & amusement. I do all the work myself.
some of them are large enough to bloom, have
been tied up & secured.

Thank Maria & Boyce for their letters I enjoy
them very much, will write soon to Maria. I
suppose spring work is occupying her closely
now. I am so fortunate as to have very little to do
for myself, wish I could help her. Sister Sally
helped me make "a one piece" dress while I was
with them. I believe I wrote to you while at
Lanesville, yes, I did, I remember it was on
Monday, later that evening your Father came
up, spent the night & brought me home Tuesday
morning. He had a glorious time, spent 2 days
in Montgomery, went over to Tuscaloosa for a
day & night, returned to Montgomery & went from
there to Auburn for a day & night. Fred

reached home Sunday, he had very little time
to see him as he returned to Montgomery that
night & came home on the noon train Monday.
Fred as well as the boys was much pleased
with his trip. The boys sent me two curiosities
(to me) in the shape of fruit.

While I was at Lanesville Adela De Boe died
& was buried & we did not hear a word about
it until the night of the day she was buried.
Sister I - would have brought me over if we
had known of it. There is only one of the friends
of my youth left now. Rosalie De Boe, we
grew up together, they lived on what is known now
as the Chadwick place. I went to school in
Demopolis with Adela when I was about 9 years
old. She was 7, 3 years old, we would hardly have
thought so.

Ernest Collins' little girl died also, had been
sick about 6 weeks or more. I was much pleased

to succeed at last in getting Geo. Matthews
to fix the church fence, it was no protection
against Mrs Davies dogs, they were doing so much
damage that I took the job of having it fixed,
was over yesterday evening to inspect the work
before paying for it.

Mrs Harris named your Father as delegate to
the Council that meets in Montgomery today,
he hoped to go, went to see Syd yesterday to ask
him to stay here but he said he could not do
it as your Father could not go. I intended going
to Tuscaloosa on the noon train today to see
Dr Rose about spectacles, your Father was to
join me when he had seen or heard enough of
Council & we were to come home together but our
plans have all come to naught. - Your Father has
just told me that Henslee son has come in & says
he will stay on the place while we are away, so we
will go over to Selma tonight, I go from there to Tuscaloosa
by way of Maplesville. I must hurry & get my suit case
packed & other things attended to. Your Father was



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS ONLY

Miss B. M. Suggs
O cash-acc. I have
New York.

Chapflin La Ca. May 5th 1911
My Darling Maie. Papa, send your love
Love & many thanks for your little dog
Alice & puppy. He will make you the dog
at home as he gets his garden planted.
He is well & happy to be outdoors, & not
& enjoys the open air. He is having the
fence put in again & many other things
that we are in need of a great improvement.
I enjoyed your letter so much. I wish
& your calls & your were grand. Can you
get me a puppy while I am at school? Please
I will send you something & money. Love
Maie

Durham E. A.

May 18. 1911

My sweet Annie:-

Another mile done
in your precious life will
soon be here and I hope
Friday will be a bright,
happy day to you and that
you will live to see very
many happy returns of the
day. I shall not be here to
Bath at last and as "Edgely"
does not keep many things.

that you would like to wear
I am sending you a small
bill instead - I do wish you
would spend it - for something
pretty for your dear self and
accept it - with much love &
eighteen kisses from your
old sister -

Agnes wrote me not very long
ago that you had been having
a reign with - crumps as well
as measles. As I did not get
even a postcard from you after
your letter telling of Louise being
sick with - measles I thought the
dear little boy had escaped & that

Louise was much better. Certainly not
very short you had such a hard time
and I do hope no bad effect on the
children were left - by the measles.
I asked Dr. Bancroft about you all when
he was here but he did not know
any thing well he told me now that
Dr. Mayne looked very well in - now
he is there. I asked him what - something
it was made of or he said & that
he had a whole lot of out - house wood.
I said - imagine you in a - house full
them as thick - I - must be short - but -
what a pile of you are - would -

Black velvet-carrying dunes when
you will - & have a delicate-
shade of Helen's pink shippin
is more than I can understand.
I can't bear the thought of you
wearing an old woman's
garment when you are so young.
I saw a perfect-bunch of a
hat - in Jordan's branches store
this spring that looked just
like you & I came near getting
it - sending it - C. O. D. to
you. It was only fifteen
dollars but - it was worth it
& I saw some of the daintiest
most-unwearable dresses for
seven, fifty - that would have

been fine for you. ^{MAY 1911} Got
and for my self - how had
which comfort - in them. Sent
Dear Mamma the loveliest
border - & white - striped
lawn with - a border of periwinkles
on it - that you ever saw.
I thought it - would make her
such a dainty - cool dress
for hot - days & she wrote that
she was having it - made
up. I think she would have
liked it - better if it - had been
pink. But - would not - find a
pink that was as pretty. I
am so glad that she & dear
daddy are so happy & contented

parties at this time Dunbar
will be quite gay. Myon two girls
coming here for it. Sunday
am to Chapman the Kappa
Sigma young people on their
picnic to Adams house.
Leonora & Pietro will be near
New York City. In two months
and as soon as he finds a
good, comfortable boarding
place he will send for
Leonora. They have stored their
furniture as they do not expect
to be back in Albany for seven
months. Leonora looks better
& feels better than she has for
some time but she is still very
thin. It is lovely to have her at
home only her visit must be short
but enough. Emily is going to be

Academy dance - ^{MAY 10, 1941} -
Saturday night & will stay
with Prof & Mrs. Tapp. She
went to her first one down
there about three weeks
ago & she was quite a
hit. Had all her dances
taken etc. etc. The boys there
are so much younger than
those they are here that
we don't mind her going to
these parties & she certainly
is delighted to go. She is a very
pretty, graceful girl & won't
lack attention.

Mrs. Merrill is taking her
weeks of vacation in the midst
of it, going away for her daughter

Maudie has come home for
a visit. Maudie always bothers
me. I wish I could afford to
buy every thing really made
& could pin away all garment-
that need fixing me but - I
just can't do it. as have to
put up with - Mrs. Merrill.

Please dearie write me
all about - your dear self & the
dear little family & your plans
when you can spare the time.
I long to hear from you
again. Charlie & the girls
join with me in sending
you much love & many best
wishes for your birthday. Can't
you take the two children & come

Give I Commencement? You could
join me here & then take you from here
to - Wash D.C. Please try to come.
Well. Love & kisses I give to the babies.

Unfailing your mother -
Alice.

Bluffton S.C. May 12-1911

My dear Marie

I write to Congratulate
you on the Coming Anniversary
of your birthday. I hope you may
live to see ~~our~~^{my} return of the
Season & that your days & years may
be full of hope & joy in which
both your dear Mother & Aunt Lucia
most heartily join me

I thank you most heartily for
your kind remembrance of me
last week, we had a nice Union
Sunday dinner for Chuck's birthday
& mine

I have been quite busy during the
past week cutting down weeds in
the yard around the house & planting
a garden for Lucia so that she
may have plenty of fresh vegetables

I have already growing Tomatoes
Egg Plant, Wase Beans, Beets Radishes
Okra, Bush Melons, squash &c
all coming along.

I will in a few days send you
a long letter describing our life here
I am very happy in my work trying
to entertain & help your Aunt Lucia
Give my love to Boyssie & to Lorisie also
to your dear husband Ben, How I
wish you could all make a trip here
this summer.

Your dear Mother & Aunt Lucia
join me in all good wishes.

Kind inclosed a small token
of our love, wish it were much
larger for your sake.

I will now close to meet the
mail

Yours loving
Daddy

kind to the work. I wish I could see I ought not to have trusted her, surely but
for that I was at a fresh
egg to be found. There is
the chickens less since than
any people that were first!
Very quiet now to have you to
Mother to represent the children
of the S. & C. but first write
her wife as complaining for
finding she would not be
able to go & get his
business is a delightful day, bright
sunshine & a nice cool breeze, but as it is
from the east I fear we will soon be having
rain which will not be acceptable to the farmers
just now. I have not been out riding, but the
cotton & corn I see from the door looks well.
I think I wrote Ben all about my pleasant
visit to Tuscaloosa, it is so nice to get
away from all home cares & enjoy a little
society. I have felt better, so much better since
~~since~~ my little rest, altho' I have been cook
ever since my return. I hope it will not be
very long before my cook will be able to take
her place again.
Dear I know you will be sorry to hear that
written letter. Wish
love to you all
Yours devoted
Mother

Melville Brown was operated on not long ago, Bessie, Louise, Maries & George all went with her to Birmingham. I have not heard exactly what was the trouble, at first they were very anxious about her but the last news I have had was that she was doing nicely. I sincerely hope she will soon be up again, she is such a lovely character & beloved by all who know her.

I wonder what you are doing today, I imagine you are sewing or having spring house cleaning done, something much needed in these old houses. I can't do more than sweep & dust, occasionally wash some windows. I will have to do more about the house for occupation for Dr. Rave told me to be careful of my eyes, not tax them, so if I can't see or read much

at a times I will have to work some way, can't hold my hands. My new glasses have not come yet. Sister Sally was not very well when I heard from her but she wants Lucy to get ready & go to Tuckalooe the first of June to have her throat treated. I expect I will have to stay with her some if Lucy goes, would like to have her stay with me but don't think she would do it, so much to look after at home.

Maries when you were with us you told Reuben you would like to have some wool made into blankets at Leeks mill. He has sheared his sheep ~~xxxx~~ & says if you are of the same mind now he will send the wool on & have the blankets made & you can pay him for the blankets. He would like to know how many pns you might want & if all full size, thought you might want a pns for Louise's single bed. If you don't need them we hope you will not hesitate to say so. The mill makes the blankets

for a share of the wool. I stopped writing to
look up a catalogue of the mills, find the
best blankets would be worth \$7.00 a pr, smaller
size \$5.50 & you would have to pay express from the
mills to Ithaca. The mills are slow filling orders &
that is why we are thinking of blankets at this
season. Now Maria be careful about the matter
don't say you will take them if you do not need
them because Reuben can sell the wool if you do
not need the blankets.

Dr D. is milker, it is 11 o'clock & the cow not
milked since this time yesterday when I gave
a new 6th to do it. I wish he would come along
this morning. The chickens are dying along, one or two
a night, it is a pity after spending so much for chick
feed, more feed than chickens & as they die, he won't
clean up, that reminds me, he left some bad eggs
in a nest (some that did not hatch) when he left
home he told Henderson to get them up & bring them
what must he do but take every egg he could find,
nest eggs & even a setting Dr D. had put under a
hen a few days before, buried them all & then

Ph May 23 1911

My dear Mrs. Tregar:-

I wonder
if you are giggling? We
are breaking the record
here for forty years
with the thermometer
at ninety four.

It will shortly be time
for you to be in Wood's
Hole again. We will
often think of you &
the many good times
we had there last
summer.

I am writing to ask
a favor of you! I want
to elicit a little respon-
sibility.

Our dearest, Dr. Johnston,

thought it worth it. We en-
joyed the supper, we had
there with Mr. Knudson very
much, but from my meagre
knowledge, I hesitated to send
friends there at that rate.
I wanted to know more
from some one who had
been there longer. Is it
asking too much to ask
you to tell me frankly?
It did not seem to me
I had seen anything at
Hole's that I would
want to pay that much
for.

Would you advise them
to go there? Do you know of
better places there for that
season of the year?

To hope the children have
quite recovered from their
recent illness.

I did enjoy my visit in
Columbia so very much I
am certainly in love with
the charming people. I heard
many beautiful things of
you & family. You are all
greatly missed.

To you know when Dr. & Mrs.
Knudson sail & where they are
going. With kind regards to Dr. &
& much love for you & Phil & Grace
624 Sullivan Parkway, Truckee, Nevada, U.S.A. 95154

wife + daughter think
they would like to go to
Wood's Hole for a few
weeks the middle of
August. We are devoted
to him + do not wish
to advise him wrong.

He wrote to the Dexter
House + to the Brook-
water. Only the Dexter
House replied. The
rates for good rooms are
from twenty five to thirty
five for double rooms
+ I think he said from
fifteen to twenty for single
rooms per week. Plus
the seven dollars for
table board. He does
not object to thirty five
for double rooms, if

PM MAY 20 1911

East Aurora

Dearest Belle, I arrived safely
as you see! The train was
on time and it wasn't hot
until the last half hour. Daisy
Jennie & Marion met me with
the auto & took me right up
to Dr. McCullo. Billy was busy
with a luncheon to Baron & Estlin
etc. so I haven't seen him.
After two hours with Dr. McCullo
for which he charged me

my best man of \$12.70 (I had
to reach & my stocking & get it)
I had lunch (I was hungry,
and we had a lovely car ride
to East Aurora in the auto.
Alice is very sweet & looks well,
also she is exquisite - which is
a great surprise. Baby Alice
is a darling & very pretty.
Jamie is a fine fellow too.
Last night we had an auto
ride and then listened to the
Victrola. To-day we are going
down to the lake shore (Dorcy) and
spend the day. To-morrow we
are going in town to shop

and if I can I'd like to
bring the whole family back
with me. How is that?

I wish I knew how you had
succeeded. Please tell me. I
miss you, my dearest so much
& wish all the time for
after all the dear children.
I long to know how Boyrie is
getting on. With a heart full
of love - ever your very
Oscar

Kiss my sweet Louise & Boyrie
for me. All send love to you
all.

pp. May 20, 1911

Ithaca, N.Y.

10 P. M. Sat. May 27

Dearest Madrie,

Are you about
ready for your soft couch?
Well, I am fancy! 5 A. M.
awakening, a walk to the
L.V., the trip, the dentist,
etc. We have also had a day,
but not such a day. On my
return from speeding the part-
ing sweetheart I found Grossen-
bacher, and was with him
until nearly eleven. Then
we children went over to

the great punk Hel-Pus.
After seeing some of the sights
and standing the din and push
for about fifteen minutes in
the heat Louise and Boycie
decided that a merry-go-
round, a blue balloon, and some
chocolate candy were about
their size. Dear little souls,
they have been very good today.
Mr. Slocum's hate went like wild
fire, and he sold every one of them,
perhaps could have disposed of half
as many more.

This afternoon there was
a constant honk-honk until the
hour for the races drew near.

I sat on the porch reading the *Canavars* while the children played about. Wouldn't you like to sit reverently (!) by as some true Prussian reads that book?

any way, five triumphs in a day is almost worth the loss of a dear ship, might I say? The three wins on the water and those on diamond and track have sent the students wild tonight. The freshmen cap stunt was largely attended, and just an hour ago they marched down town several thousand strong. It was a pretty sight across the campus with all those red lanterns. They must have been followed by half the autos in town, also with red lanterns.

It is a lovely house this afternoon, Honey, and as Bessie says, "But may-be some morning when we wake there 'll be mother to spruce us."

We do wish you an easy time at the dentist, and a good, care-free holiday just as long as we can stand it. Give our love to all the Long-lances, and tropical oceans for Phet.
Me.

16. N. Duplar St. Charlotte N. C.

May twenty eight, nineteen eleven.

Dear Dr. Dugges,

The number and variety of my addresses, makes a number and variety of missives. Please - will you please the same sent in two "Drops" - thirty dollars to "Annie L. Chunn" forty-five to me, and both sent to me at above number + Clara is to join me here last of this week, and we expect to go on to Blowing Rock the following Thursday. (June 1st) Then having accidents we will be "put" for three months more. I suppose you will be getting "painted" soon but maybe

your letter postpone till after
Summer School. I hope it
can be done during a family
absence for your sakes.

It is a small "Epist" here,
and away, he in space to
Cam. Bailey says Dr. Dechmann
is going away for fifteen weeks
which means a calamity.

Hoping the children have
declared a truce to juvenile
ailments, and their parents are
recovering from the winter woes.
I am

Cordially yours

Elizabeth H. Cushman

1911

Bluffton, South Carolina May 29th
 My Precious Darling. (at Ithaca)

The weather had
 been so warm, that I have had
 little energy for letter writing, though
 my thoughts have been constantly
 with you: Your letter to "Papa"
 we both enjoyed very much.
 but I am so sorry the heat
 has been so great: I hope you
 have a servant to relieve you of
 the cooking etc. We have delightful
 sea breezes when the tide is coming
 up, & the nights are cool, but the
 day is very hot & we don't have
 time for the garden. Am

glad to know your house will be occupied for the summer by Muriel & her family: I wonder for me where Douglas is going? Lee also sent us a Photo album of yours, which we think very pretty. Anna is getting on - improving - & is very happy in having no more her. The Lawyer says I will get my 'portion' left me by Mamma very soon. So I am still waiting on his good pleasure. I will not trouble you Darling. It get the dust. get: but beg that you will get me with the bill I have two or three for "Papa" & a pair of white silk gloves (both for me). The rest of the money of your Darling Louise & Bobby, I am writing on card as I must not before going to dine with Mrs. Muriel. Anna's love to all. Papa joins me in devoted love to each of you little couple & Aunt Lucia sends you much love with a dash. Kiss I am your devoted
Nance.